National Commission on Urbanisation

2065. SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission on Urbanisation in its report submitted January, 1987, has underlined the importance of developing the small towns and cities with a view to preventing concentration of population in the Cities and metropolises;

(b) if so, what steps are being contemplated under the 8th Five Year Plan and what schemes have been laid down for developing the small towns and Cities, in the light of the said report; and

(c) the main recommendations and observations made in the N.C.U. report, and the steps contemplated under the 8th Five Year Plan in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The National Commision on Urbanisation in its report submitted in August, 1988 has underlined the importance of developing the small towns and cities selectively with a view to preventing concentration of population in the Cities and metropolises.

(b) There is an ongoing Central Scheme for the integrated development of small & medium towns. This will be continued in the 8th Five Year Plan.

(c) The main recommendations made by the Commission are as under:

(i) Identification of 329 urban centres whose economic and physical bases are to be consolidated strengthened and expanded.

(ii) Efficient management of urban land in the cities and amendment of Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976.

(iii) Special schemes for amelioration of urban poverty with a view to create employment and shelter for the urban poor.

(iv) Recommendations on increasing the supply of serviced land and low cost shelter, improving and upgrading slums and conserving the existing housing stock.

(v) Reorganisation of institutional arrangement for managing urban development at the central and State levels.

(vi) Increasing the plan allocation for urban development and expansion of the tax base and strengthening of the Municipal Administration of the local bodies.

(vii) Improving the Information System at the National level.

The recomendations of National Commission on Urbanisation (NCU) have been taken into consideration while preparing the report of the Working Group in the context of the formulation of the 8th Five Year Plan.

Scarcity and prices of edible oil

2066. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY;
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Vanaspati Producers' Association (IVPA) has suggested a comprehensive scheme for tiding over the scarcity and rising prices of edible oils in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme, indicating the steps to be taken thereunder; and

(c) what is the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.